

The republicans in the United States Senate yesterday made the election of the officers of that body the occasion of a long political debate the subject of which was the displacement of the republican officers of a republican body by democratic officers of a democratic body—the object being to make party capital. The cool audacity exhibited by the republicans in their prolonged opposition to the removal of an officer who openly used his position as secretary of the Senate to further the aims of his political party, has been rarely, if ever before, equalled even in the party of which audacity is the chief component.

As the friends of the bill for the settlement of the State debt have a large majority in the Senate, we hope they may concur at once with the amendment to the bill as it passed the House of Delegates yesterday afternoon, and thus remove a question that should never have been made a part of the politics of the State. With the debt matter out of the way the conservatives will, as they should, be undivided.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Charles Thompson, seaman of the bark Mippon, and J. Powers, second officer of the bark Elephantine, were arrested here to-day, on the steamer Humboldt, charged with murder.

### Election of Officers of the U. S. Senate.

### Paralyzed.

CINCINNATI, March 25.—A special dispatch from Detroit says: Robt. McClelland, ex-Governor of Michigan, and Secretary of the Interior during the administration of President Pierce, was stricken with paralysis last evening, and lies in a critical condition.

The weather in England is very cold and snowy. A bitter northeast wind has prevailed during the past four days.

tion as having that ulterior meaning. Mr. Hill claimed that the Senator from Maine was as incorrect in his statement as was the Secretary of the Senate in his, and that he could produce no fact to bear out his charge. No portion of the democratic party ever intended, under any contingency, a revolutionary move-

**Plead not Guilty.**  
BOSTON, March 25.—Nathan F. Pratt, the defaulting treasurer of the Reading Savings Bank, to-day pleaded not guilty, and was held in the sum of \$80,000 for examination on Wednesday next.

**N**EW WESTERN CLOVER SEED for sale  
by [Feb 24] HARMON & SMITH.  
**S**MOKED BACALERS for sale by  
dec 6 F. J. DAVIDSON 117 King st.  
**F**AIR RIO COFFEE at 14c for sale by  
mh 17 J. C. MILBURN.